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Sir:

The following references were cited in the International Search Report (copy enclosed) in applicants corresponding PCT application, that is, PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/00218. One of the following references was cited by the applicant in the subject, above-referenced U.S. application.

Enclosed is a copy of Kishi, Minoru, et al., "Detergent compositions for removal of oily soils in kitchen", Chemical Abstracts Service, retrieved from STN Database accession no. 131:273428 (Kishi et al.) The International Search Report cited Kishi et al. as being general technological background (category A), cited the abstract of Kishi et al. as being pertinent, and cited Kishi et al. as being pertinent to claims 1 and 2 of applicants' corresponding PCT application.

Enclosed is a copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11286700 (Japanese '700). The International Search Report cited Japanese '700 as being

general technological background (category A), cited both paragraphs 0018, 0019, 0032, 0040 and 0042 and tables 1 and 2 of Japanese '700 as being pertinent, and cited Japanese '700 as being pertinent to claims 1 and 2 of applicants' corresponding PCT application.

Enclosed is a copy of Shul'pin, G.B., et al., "Oxidations by the System 'Hydrogen Peroxide – Manganese(IV) Complex-Acetic Acid' – Part II – Hydroperoxidation and Hydroxylation of Alkanes in Acetonitrile", Tetrahedron, Elsevier Science Publishers, vol. 55, no. 17 (23 April 1999), pages 5345 - 5358 (Shul'pin et al.). The International Search Report cited Shul'pin et al. as being general technological background (category A), cited the whole document of Shul'pin et al. as being pertinent, and cited Shul'pin et al. as being pertinent to claims 1 to 9 of applicants' corresponding PCT application. Shul'pin et al. is discussed on page 1 of the subject, above-referenced application.

Enclosed is a copy of European Published Patent Application No. 0 458 397 (European '397). The International Search Report cited European '397 as being general technological background (category A), cited all of European '397 as being pertinent, and cited European '397 as being pertinent to claims 1 to 9 of applicants' corresponding PCT application.

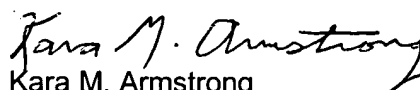
Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,244,594 and 5,246,621 that the International Search Report stated correspond to applicants' corresponding PCT application.

Enclosed is a copy of Smith, J. R. Lindsay, et al., "Stereoselective Oxygenation of Alkanes by Peroxyacetic Acid or Hydrogen Peroxide and Acetic Acid Catalysed by a Manganese(IV) 1,4,7-Trimethyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononane Complex", Tetrahedron Letters, Elsevier Science Publishers, vol. 39, no. 27 (2 July 1998), pages 4909 – 4912 (Smith et al.). The International Search Report cited Smith et al. as being general technological background (category A), cited all of Smith et al. as being pertinent, and cited Smith et al. as being pertinent to claims 1 to 9 of applicants' corresponding PCT application.

Enclosed is a copy of Schuchardt, V., et al., "Cyclohexane oxidation continues to be a challenge", Applied Catalysis A: Denerol, vol. 211 (2001), pages 1 – 17 (Schuchardt et al.). The International Search Report cited Schuchardt et al. as being general technological background (category A), cited column 2 on page 5 to column 1 on page 7 and table 2 of Schuchardt et al. as being pertinent, and cited Schuchardt et al. as being pertinent to claims 1 to 9 of applicants' corresponding PCT application.

A list of the above-mentioned references is enclosed.

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